

My Morning Crossword Cowl



I have been trying to become more adept at completing crosswords, but one Sunday morning with my tea in hand instead of a crossword I came up with the idea that I could knit a subtle replica of a crossword in a cozy cowl form.

Materials:

Worsted Weight Yarn

Size 4.5mm circular needles

1 Stitch Marker (5 optional to mark of pattern repeats)

Note: the 6 knit and 6 purl stitches at the end of each row form a purely decorative button band, feel free to add button holes if you want to make them functional, or cast on 6 less stitches to omit it completely.

Instructions:

Cast on 216 stitches and join for working in the round careful not to twist.

Row 1: Knit all stitches.

Row 2: Purl all stitches.

Repeat these two rows 4 more times (for a total of 10 rows)

Crossword Pattern:

(Each bracket is worked 6 times)

Row 1 and 3: (K8, P2, K10, P2, K10, P2, K8) around to last 6 sts, K6.

Row 2 and 4: (K8, P2, K10, P2, K10, P2, K8) around to last 6 sts, P6.

Row 5: Knit around.

Row 6: Knit to last 6 sts, P6.

Row 7:(K16, P4, K8, P4, K10) around to last 6 sts, K6.

Row 8:(K16, P4, K8, P4, K10) around to last 6 sts, P6.

Row 9: (P6, K8, P2, K10, P2, K14) around to last 6 sts, K6.

Row 10: (P6, K8, P2, K10, P2, K14) around to last 6 sts, P6.

Row 11: (K10, P4, K8, P4, K8, P8) around to last 6 sts, K6.

Row 12: (K10, P4, K8, P4, K8, P8) around to last 6 sts, P6.

Row 13: Knit around.

Row 14: Knit around to the last 6 sts, P6.

Row 15: (K8, P2, K10, P2, K10, P2, K8) around to last 6 sts, K6.

Row 16: (K8, P2, K10, P2, K10, P2, K8) around to last 6 sts, P6.

Row 17: (K6, P2, K10, P2, K10, P2, K10) around to last 6 sts, K6.

Row 18:(K6, P2, K10, P2, K10, P2, K10) around to last 6 sts, P6.

Row 19: (P6, K8, P6, K8, P2, K12) around to last 6 sts, K6.

Row 20: (P6, K8, P6, K8, P2, K12) around to last 6 sts, P6.

Row 21: Knit around.

Row 22: Knit around to last 6 sts, P6.

Row 23: (K12, P2, K8, P6, K8, P6) around to last 6 sts, K6.

Row 24: (K12, P2, K8, P6, K8, P6) around to last 6 sts, P6.

Row 25: (K10, P2, K10, P2, K10, P2, K6) around to last 6 sts, K6.

Row 26: (K10, P2, K10, P2, K10, P2, K6) around to last 6 sts, P6.

Row 27: (K8, P2, K10, P2, K10, P2, K8) around to last 6 sts, K6.

Row 28: (K8, P2, K10, P2, K10, P2, K8) around to last 6 sts, P6.

Row 29: Knit around.

Row 30: Knit around to last 6 sts, P6.

Row 31: (P8, K8, P4, K8, P4, K10) around to last 6 sts, K6.

Row 32: (P8, K8, P4, K8, P4, K10) around to last 6 sts, P6.

Row 33: (K14, P2, K10, P2, K8, P6) around to last 6 sts, K6.

Row 34: (K14, P2, K10, P2, K8, P6) around to last 6 sts, P6.

Row 35: (K10, P4, K8, P4, K16) around to last 6 sts, K6.

Row 36: (K10, P4, K8, P4, K16) around to last 6 sts, P6.

Row 37: Knit around.

Row 38: Knit around to last 6 sts, P6.

Row 39 and 41: (K8, P2, K10, P2, K10, P2, K8) around to last 6 sts, K6.

Row 40 and 42: (K8, P2, K10, P2, K10, P2, K8) around to last 6 sts, P6.

Work 10 rows in Garter stitch.

Cast off. Sew buttons onto garter stitch band and enjoy!

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